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SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF DR. THOMAS POFFENBERGER, AS US
CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF, POPULATION DIVISION, ESCAP.

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 14265, HURT/BOEHM LETTER DATED
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1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED KANGAS RE CONSIDERATION FOR ABOVE
POST. HE WAS IN ROUTE AID ASSIGNMENT IN MANILA AND NOT
AVAILABLE ESCAP POST. DEPARTMENT PROPOSES FOLLOWING STEPS:

(1) REQUEST EMBASSY URGE INCUMBENT CARL FRISEN TO EXTEND
IN POST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR. ADVISE HIM DEPT. STRONGLY
SUPPORTS HIM FOR SUCH AN EXTENSION; VERY APPRECIATIVE HIS
FINE WORK INCLUDING BUCHAREST

(2) IN THE EVENT FRISEN CANNOT EXTEND, DEPT. CONTINUES
TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF DR. POFFENBERGER. CANDIDATE WAS
INTERVIEWED IN DEPTH LAST WEEK IN DEPT. RE SPECIFIC DU-
TIES OF D-1 POSITION AND WAS SATISFIED THAT IN ADDITION
TO RESEARCH BACKGROUND, HE HAS OTHER NECESSARY QUALIFI-

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CATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING, BUDGETING AND IM-

PLEMENTING REGIONAL PROJECTS. IN ADDITION POFFENBERGER'S
PERSONAL QUALITIES WOULD MAKE HIM EXCELLENT CHOICE TO WORK
WITH ASIANS. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE HE IS BEST US CANDIDATE
WE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE AT THIS TIME.

(3) AS LAST ALTERNATIVE, CANDIDACY OF POFFENBERGER SHOULD

BE SUPPORTED TO VACANCY NO. 74-126-BA, SENIOR POPULATION
OFFICER, P-5, WHICH ALSO HAS CLOSING DATE OF SEPT. 24,
1974. CANDIDATE REVIEWED JOB SHEET AND EXPRESSED GREAT
INTEREST IN THIS POST ALSO. WHILE LOWER GRADE, ADJUSTED
SALARY COULD APPROXIMATE CURRENT SALARY LEVEL.

2. APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO ABOVE PROPOSALS. KISSINGER

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